



## Friends of Army Aviation

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The Friends of Army Aviation (FOAA) is a non-profit 501c3 organization that provides living history flights in UH-1H helicopters certificated in the experimental category. FOAA conducts these living history flights under exemption No. 17611B dated October 26, 2021. In addition to this exemption, each aircraft is issued a special airworthiness certificate by the FAA. These special airworthiness certificates dictate the operating limits for these aircraft.

The Friends of Army Aviation have teamed up with the Round Canopy Parachute Team-USA, (RCPT-USA) another non-profit organization, to provide the public with a unique experience unlike any other experience of this type. Both organizations desire to further this experience by offering the opportunity for individuals to perform a parachute jump from a UH-1H helicopter. While this has been a united effort with RCPT-USA, FOAA will also use this exemption to provide this service in support of airshows and other public events to demonstrate this unique opportunity.

The Friends of Army Aviation is petitioning the Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration for an exemption and relief to paragraph 7 of the special airworthiness certificate that prohibits these aircraft from being used for intentional parachute jumping operations. This request is for an exemption of the special airworthiness certificate issued to UH-1H, N75140, Serial Number 71-20123, dated 06/03/2022 and UH-1H, N467WW, Serial Number 70-16467, dated 06/03/2022.

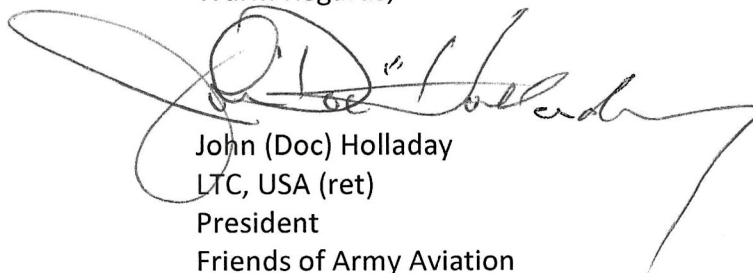
Addressing 14 CFR §11.81(e), both organizations have developed a safety and training standard operating procedure (SOP) that dictates how we will perform these operations. This SOP is attached to this request. The UH-1H has a proven record of conducting parachute operations throughout its

military career. FOAA and RCPT-USA have highly experienced and trained pilots, crew chiefs and jump masters who have conducted numerous parachute jumps from a UH-1H helicopter. Each individual who participates in parachute operations will receive extensive initial and recurrent training in accordance with the SOP. These organizations have many current and former military aviators and jumpmasters who are dedicated to conducting these operations safely and professionally. Their training, experience and professionalism is unmatched by any other similar organization.

Addressing 14 CFR § 11.81(d), this service is currently unavailable to the public. This exemption will provide individuals a once in a lifetime opportunity to safely experience a parachute jump from a UH-1H helicopter. Furthermore, these events will bring a positive economic impact to local communities. Previous events of this type have attracted individuals from around the world. These events also honor our Veterans. Many Veterans have participated in both the UH-1H LHFE rides and performed parachute jumps with the RCPT-USA organizations. The partnership between these two organizations will further this honor and commitment to our nation's Veterans. As previously stated, FOAA will also use this exemption to provide this service in support of airshows and other public events to demonstrate this unique opportunity.

Attached to this request is the Friends of Army Aviation equivalent level of safety for paradrop operations SOP and training guide, and the special airworthiness certificates operating limits for both aircraft. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Christopher Tenaro @ 352-410-0606 or crtenaro@gmail.com

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John (Doc) Holladay", is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John (Doc) Holladay  
LTC, USA (ret)  
President  
Friends of Army Aviation